



## Puerto Rican Educators Association, Inc.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: May 25, 1980  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
Place: Roberto Clemente School  
257 Sumner Ave.  
Newark, New Jersey 07104

#### Attendance:

##### Members

Lourdes Mitchell  
Henry E. Rivera  
Dorcas Pérez  
Gloria A. del Toro  
Margarita Vega  
Alfredo Rivera  
Jumilla E. Giacalone  
Janette E. Galán  
Colando Ríos  
Gilberto Colón  
Elena Figueroa  
Elena Sánchez  
Gladys Acuña  
Frances Trincerry  
Pedro Sierra  
Ana Ortiz  
Tolanda Howell  
Ines Guerrero  
Flórentina Lelo

##### Non-Members

Judy Vargas  
Melania Camelarito

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Mrs. Mitchell opened the meeting by clarifying the prior to the adoption of the amendments there was only one general membership meeting.

Questions were raised as to why the general membership had not participated in the approval of the amendments. It was resolved to send the amendments to all the members and have them approved or rejected at the next general meeting.

Questions were raised as to the use of the tape recorder. It was finally agreed to use it unless a person requested not to be taped.

- II. Treasurer's Report: No formal report ready, but Mr. Sierra announced there were \$1399.00 in P.S.E.A.'s account. Report on scholarship fund will be presented at the next meeting.

III. Committee Reports:

Education & Cultural - Mr. Solís had no report.

Fund Raising - María Antiles was absent.

Social - Carmen Pérez and Norma Sánchez reported on the Teacher Recognition Day - Scholarship Fund Dinner/Dance. A written report with details was handed out.  
Total revenues: \$2,564.00, after paying expenses the amount remaining for the scholarship fund was \$428.00.  
(Mrs. DiGiordano indicated she wished to make a \$10 donation.)

Memberships: Carmen Figueroa reported a total of 39 paid members. Our new members: Mrs. Eva Ortiz, Mr. Joseph D. Vega, and Dr. Juan Escario.

IV. Old Business:

From previous meeting's original minutes, important items were read and discussed:

- Three sets of minutes will be given before the next meeting for revision and approval by members.
- On the motion passed regarding Mr. Almeida's position letter was not sent since, when contacted, Mr. Almeida indicated he did not want us to go through with our intention.
- The letter sent to Dr. Jolley stating P.S.E.A.'s support for Cuban Complex and community involvement in the educational process was read.
- Parents' lag activity during Bilingual Month was a success. P.S.E.A. members presented several workshops.
- Members were informed that the computer program will remain in the district.
- Opening the membership to people other than Puerto Rican educators was brought up.

- Members' commitment and sincerity towards our organization was discussed.
- Janette Solón suggested all members get a copy of our constitution and all participate in revising it. Mrs. Del Toro indicated members must submit their recommendations to the By-Laws Committee.

T. Nominating Committee:

Carmen Figueroa, chairperson, presented the nominations by the committee:

- President - Margarita Vega
- 1st Vice-President -
- 2nd Vice-President -
- Recording Secretary- Gladys Rosario
- Correspondence Sec.- Inés Guerrero
- Treasurer - Pedro Sierra
- Assistant Treasurer -

- . Whether to accept nominations from the floor at this meeting was discussed and agreed upon.
- Mrs. Del Toro objected to this agreement.

Margarita Vega declined the nomination for President, and nominated Janette Solón, who accepted.

Janette Solón nominated Margarita Vega for 1st Vice-President. Margarita accepted.

For 2nd Vice-President, Orlando Muñoz was nominated by Dolores Howell. He accepted.

Gladys Rosario accepted the nomination for Recording Secretary.

Inés Guerrero declined the nomination for Correspondence Secretary. Gilberto Solón was nominated by Margarita Vega; he accepted.

Pedro Sierra accepted his nomination for Treasurer.

Francesa Iriarary was nominated by Carmen Fajon, and accepted the nomination for Assistant Treasurer.

Nominations will take place on Thursday, June 10, 1982 at 7:00 P.M., place to be announced. It was suggested the Social Committee should take refreshments to that meeting.

Mrs. Hitchel announced that a Research on Bilingual Education and student growth will be conducted during late Summer - early Fall, and volunteers are being sought. Mrs. Juanita Hernandez and Ms. Margarita Vega volunteered to participate.

After members discussed if P.S.E.A. should support a political candidate or not, Mr. Filiberto Soto presented a motion: For P.S.E.A. not to back up any candidate. Motion was seconded by Gloria del Toro, and passed by a majority of votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy E. Rivera*  
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Recording Secretary